



Downside Primary School

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Dear parents,

After all the disruption of previous years, and a couple of days in a heat wave, it is great to be able to end this year on a high! It has been a great year and I have been really impressed by the children's resilience and hardworking attitude – they have all been fantastic.

You will be receiving your child's report today. Reports of children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 will also contain formal assessment results. I have written explanation letters to all parents regarding what these results actually mean; these will be sent by email and not sent with the report.

As is always the case at the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to some teachers:

- Mrs Uddin, our Provision teacher, will be leaving us to move abroad. She has been a key member of our team for a number of years – firstly as a Year 2 teacher and more recently leading our Provision. The success of our Provision is a credit to Mrs Uddin and her team!
- Mr Bannan, a Year 4 teacher, will be leaving to move to a school closer to his home. Although only with us for a year, Mr Bannan has been a great addition to Year 4.
- Mrs Keane, a Year 1 teacher, will be leaving as she is relocating. Mrs Keane has been a great member of our Year 1 team.
- Miss Anam, a Year 5 teacher, will be leaving due to ill health. Miss Anam was with us for a number of years, working in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Joining us this year are:

- Mrs Zaheer – Year 1 teacher
- Mrs Ahmed – Year 4 teacher

I have attached a reminder of times on the next page of this letter, ready for September.



PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

School restarts on MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

Start times:

All gates will open at **8.40am** and children will be able to walk straight to their classroom.

Parents who need to drop their children to school earlier, should book their child into Breakfast Club.

Parents can drop their children off at **any** of the school gates, situated in the following places:

- **Gate opposite the retail park** – this is best for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Jupiter and Saturn;
- **Main car park;**
- **Main pedestrian gate;**
- **Gate accessed from Chaul End Park.**

Staff will be on hand in the first few days to ensure children find their classrooms.

Gates close at **8.55am**. After this time, children are late and need to enter via the main school gate.

Lunchtime:

Timings are as follows:

Reception and Year 3	12:00 – 1:00
Year 1 and Year 4	12:15 – 1:15
Year 2 and Year 5	12:30 – 1:30
Year 6	12:45 – 1:45

All year groups will finish at 3.30pm in September.

Parents who need to collect later than 3.30pm, should book their child into After School Club.

It has been a really great year and I hope that everyone has fantastic summer holidays. Good luck to our Year 6 children – I look forward to seeing you all looking smart in your High School uniforms.

Yours sincerely,